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SUBJECT: DRAFT PROTOCOL ON INTERNATIONAL LAW IN
ARMED CONFLICT

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL, WE HAVE INFORMED THE FRG
(VON MARSCHALL) THAT THE SWISS HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICT-
ING SIGNALS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY "RUMOR" THAT
AMB OFSTAD WILL NOT REASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP AT NEXT
SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. WE WILL ALSO PASS
THIS NEWS ON TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, PER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. WE ARE MYSTIFIED, HOWEVER, BY THIS CIRCUITOUS
APPROACH TO NORWEGIAN DECISION-MAKING AND SOMEWHAT
EMBARRASSED TO BE TALKING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND
OTHER ALLIES ABOUT THE STATE OF RUMORS ABOUT AN
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ALLIED AMBASSADOR'S INTENTIONS. IS THERE SOME REASON
WHY WE SHOULD NOT ASK OFSTAD OR THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY
DIRECTLY ABOUT OFSTAD'S PLANS (OR WHY EMBASSY OSLO
SHOULD NOT ASK THE FOREIGN MINISTRY)?

3. WHILE IT WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT AFFECT HIS AVAILA-
BILITY TO CONTINUE HIS WORK WITH THE DIPLOMATIC

CONFERENCE, THE NORWEGIAN DCM RECENTLY INFORMED US THAT OFSTAD IS SLATED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO VIENNA AS AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA AND TO IAEA. (HE IS TO BE REPLACED IN BONN BY AMBASSADOR ROLF BUSCH, WHO IN TURN WILL BE REPLACED AT NATO BY POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL KJELD VIBE.) WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN OSLO AND, IF NOT, WHETHER THEY ARE FIRM. PLEASE PROTECT UNLESS/UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS CONFIRMED BY EMBASSY OSLO. STOESSEL

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